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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HOCK, JANET MARY

Examiner

Maury Audet

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment/Arguments

This action is in response to the papers filed 06/04/2004. Claims 1-9 and 14-18 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1-9 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by any of WO 92/00753 (THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA), Aiginger et al. (Oesterreichische Zeitschrift Fuer Onkologie. Vol. 2, no. 1, 1975: 17-24), Trembling et al. (Journal of Endocrinology. Vol. 144, no. Suppl., 1995: P223), and Holick (US 5840690), is maintained for the reasons of record. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are not found persuasive. The claim language is not expressly drawn to the subject matter upon which Applicant's arguments are premised. The original claims were drawn to "a method of reducing the risk of cancer in a human subject". The references teach the use of PTH, PTHrP (PTH related protein) 1-34, or human PTH or fragments thereof (e.g. PTH(1-34)) for in vivo (or in vitro studies directed toward future in vivo use) to treat or inhibit cancer or carcinoma. Since every person, either with or without cancer, is at risk for [developing] cancer, than references teachings of treating or inhibiting cancer, nevertheless teaches reducing the risk/risks associated with cancer.

Applicant has now added the limitation that the human subject be "at risk for developing cancer". Applicant has argued that the references do not teach the use of PTH to reduce the risk of cancer in a person who has not yet developed cancer. Similarly, since every human subject is

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“at risk for developing cancer”, even if they have already had cancer (i.e. developing a new cancer lines/carcinomas), then the references still teach the claimed subject matter. The administration of PTH, PTHrP (PTH related protein) 1-34, or human PTH or fragments thereof (e.g. PTH(1-34)) would inherently reduce the risk of cancer in a person at risk for developing cancer, as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The rejection of claims 1-9 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 92/00753 (THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA), Aiginger et al. (Oesterreichische Zeitschrift Fuer Onkologie. Vol. 2, no. 1, 1975: 17-24), Trembling et al. (Journal of Endocrinology. Vol. 144, no. Suppl., 1995: P223), and Holick (US 5840690) in view of Bishop et al. (US 5972917), is maintained for the reasons of record. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are not found persuasive. As discussed above, the references still teach, and thus suggest under § 103, the use of PTH or PTH agonists/related peptides that intrinsically reduce the risk of cancer as a result of being administered for the treatment of cancer (and the rejection of claim 18 remains obvious in view of Bishop et al.).

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, off Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached at 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

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